

September 29, 2003

Andrew Fisk
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
#17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

SUBJECT: Notification of Approval of Goosefare Brook TMDLs

Dear Mr. Fisk:

Thank you for your submittal of the Goosefare Brook Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for **seven** heavy metals. This waterbody is included on Maine's 1998 303(d) list and has become a high priority for TMDL development to toxicity due to stormwater discharge and nonpoint source pollution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves Maine's September 25, 2003 Goosefare Brook TMDLs received by EPA on September 26, 2003. EPA has determined that these TMDLs meet the requirements of §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and of EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 130). Attached is a copy of our approval documentation.

We are very pleased with the quality of Maine's first TMDL report to address the impacts of nonpoint source and regulated stormwater runoff in an impaired stream. Your staff have done an excellent job of developing metals TMDLs using existing data from a U. of ME study. We are also impressed by the investigative effort to track down a significant and previously unrecognized industrial source of pollution to this impaired stream, and subsequent actions taken to ensure that the Department will address remediation of the industrial site through its uncontrolled hazardous waste site program – the first step towards improving water quality in Goosefare Brook. My staff and I look forward to continued cooperation with the ME DEP in exercising our shared responsibility of implementing the requirements under Section 303(d) of the CWA.

Sincerely,

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